

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information display system comprising:

means for providing, on a screen of a computer, default sized display areas for a plurality of elements each having detailed information;

means for enlarging a corresponding, default sized display area when a user selects an element from said plurality of elements;

means for displaying detailed information for said selected element in said enlarged, corresponding display area; and

means for also displaying, on said screen, those elements that were not selected so that none of said elements are hidden under said enlarged, corresponding display area.

2. An information display system according to claim 1, wherein said means for displaying said unselected elements includes means for reducing sizes of said default sized display areas for said unselected elements and for summarizing contents displayed therein.

3. An information display system according to claim 1, wherein said means for displaying said unselected elements includes means for adjusting sizes of display areas of said unselected elements to reflect a magnitude of relevancy of said unselected elements to said selected element.

4. An information display system according to claim

1, further comprising means for, when one of said plurality of elements is selected, adjusting arrangement on said display screen of said display areas for said plurality of elements.

5. An information display system according to claim 1, wherein an element that is related to an objective or the needs of the user is included in said plurality of elements.

6. An information display method comprising steps of:
providing, on a screen of a computer, default sized display areas for a plurality of elements each having detailed information;

enlarging a corresponding, default sized display area when a user selects an element from said plurality of elements;

displaying detailed information for said selected element in said enlarged, corresponding display area; and

displaying, on said screen, those elements that were not selected so that none of said elements are hidden under said enlarged, corresponding display area.

7. An information display method according to claim 6, wherein said step of displaying said unselected elements includes a step of reducing sizes of said default sized display areas for said unselected elements, and summarizing contents displayed therein.

8. An information display method according to claim

6, wherein said step of displaying said unselected elements includes a step of adjusting sizes of said display areas of said unselected elements to reflect a magnitude of relevancy of said unselected elements to said selected element.

9. An information display method according to claim 6, further comprising a step of, when one of said plurality of elements is selected adjusting arrangement on said display screen of said display areas for said plurality of elements.

10. An information display method according to claim 6, wherein an element that is related to an objective or the needs of said user is included in said plurality of elements.

11. A computer-readable recording medium for storing a program that permits a computer to perform steps of:
providing, on a screen of a computer, default sized display areas for a plurality of elements each having detailed information;

enlarging a corresponding, default sized display area when a user selects an element from said plurality of elements;
displaying detailed information for said selected element in said enlarged, corresponding display area; and

displaying, on said screen, those elements that were not selected so that none of said elements are hidden under said enlarged, corresponding display area.